technologies such as Controlled/Modified Atmosphere (CA/MA) technologies in transportation for increasing the shelf-life of perishable products such as fresh fruits including experimental transportation of Litchis in CA containers from Bihar to export markets.

(iv) Assistance for specilized trasport vehicle, reefer van, containers, pre-cooling units, etc. under the scheme for development of commercial horticulture to production and post harvest management.

(v) Assistance to set up pre and post harvest management facilities such as pack houses for processing of fresh fruits such as Litchis in Bihar.

(vi) Providing technical advisory services and other support services to, trade and industry including training of farmers for export production, quality control packaging, transport, etc.

(vii) Grant of financial assistance for improved packaging and strengthening of quality control including installation of latest ISO 9000/HACCP equipments at export units.

Trade relations with China

3069. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item "Anti-dumping cases affecting bilateral trade: China" which appeared in the Statesman dated the 19th June, 2001;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken in this regard for ensuring healthy bilateral trade relations between India and China?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) A Chinese Delegation led by Shri Shang Ming, Deputy Director General of Department of Treaty and Law, Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation called on the Designated

Authority on 18.6.2001 to discuss matters relating to Anti-dumping legislation. Among other things they expressed concern over the Anti-dumping cases initiated by India against China.

The Chinese Delegation was informed that the anti-dumping investigations in India are conducted under the national law as enshrined in the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 (as amended in 1995), which is in consonance with the provisions of WTO. These measures are country-neutral and the rules apply uniformly to China as also to any other country, irrespective of the fact whether that country is a member of WTO or not.

The meeting with Chinese Delegation was held in a cordial atmosphere and both the sides reiterated the need to encourage and increase the bilateral trade between the two countries.

Export of onions from Karnataka

3070. PROF. A. LAKSHMISAGAR:
SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is a very good scope for export of onions from Karnataka;

(b) whether it has come to the notice that due to restriction on export the farmers are in distress; and

(c) if so, what measures will be taken to export onions from Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) There is no restriction on the export of Bangalore Rose onion produced in Karnataka. In respect of export of other varieties of onion which is under quantitative restrictions, a quantity of 30,000 M. Tons has been allotted for export to agencies in Karnataka so far during the current year 2001-02. In addition to Karnataka State Agricultural Produce Processing and Export Corporation Limited